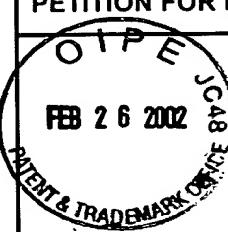


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<b>PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a)</b>		Docket Number (Optional) MERCK 1883 C1
	In re Application of D. COATES et al.	
	Application Number 09/484,259 Filed January 18, 2000	
	For Homeotropically Aligned Liquid Crystals Layer and Process for the Homeotropic Alignment of Liquid Crystals On Plastic Substrates	
	Group Art Unit 2871	Examiner T. Chowdhury

This is a request under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a) to extend the period for filing a response in the above identified application.

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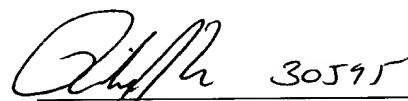
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